

Newes con

cernynge the general cō-
cell/holden at Trydent by

the Emperoure and
the Germaines

wyth all the
nobles

of
Hungatye / Constan-

tenople and Rome

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Solum.

After deu salutaciō I cōmēd
me to you trusty frēd, lettig
you wete, & where in my last
wryttinge to you I wrote, that (by
the leaue of the bountefull grace
and licence of the Imperiall ma-
iestye) I wolde shortlye be wyth
you, wherfore at y tyme I wrote
no neweltyes to you concerning
this Imperiall parlament. But
for as muche as thys purpose of
myne is hyndred, & I am cōstray-
ned to tary here vntyll the retur-
ne of y worshypful in god father
the Cardinal & byshop of Criddēt
which is sent to Rome with a spe-
dy message, I wolde not leaue to
certify you of some newes, so far-
re as I may do & becommeth me.
First as concerninge the arti-
cles proposed of the Imperiall
maiesty to the estates of the Em-
pyre

pyre, I trust ye are fully certified
And though the answer vpon the
hath be deferred, & specially that
concerning the Religio, yet at the
length, by the grace of god, haue
the States wth one consente a-
greed and requyred, that the ordi-
nance concernynge the Religion
that is in controuersye vndeter-
minated, maye be determined in
the generall, fre and chrysten con-
cell that alredy is poynted, bego-
ne and continueth at Treidēt. The
whych request y^e Imperours ma-
iestye hath also thought yt moost
conuenient, chrysten and sure way
to alape all debate and controuer-
sie: specially for as moche as the
sytuacyon of Germanye is not
greatly onmete for the purpose,
nether can other nations greatly
grudge at the waye and distance

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from

frō Trident, wherby they myght
pretende incommodite wher vpon
the Imperiall maiestye trusteth
that euery and syngular estate of
the Emperye wyll agre to suche a
generall councel, submytting the
humbly to it, acceptyng & redres-
syng the after the ordinaunce of the
same: In doyng of whiche, they
shall folowe the footesteppes of
the auncient fathers, which haue
alwayes in doubttes of religiō or
fayth, hadde theyr recourse to the
councel as vnto a sentuary, & re-
dressed them wyllingly after the
ordinaunce of the same.

And that such a fre general cou-
cell haue the better p[ro]gesse & con-
tinuance, & that noman nedeth to
feare interruption of it or hynde-
raunce: the Emperours maiestye
as a mayntainer of the churche,
and

and defendour of the coūcell wyl
godly helpe and busply prouyde,
that such a coūcell begon at Tri-
dent haue hys quick course & con-
tinuaūce. He wylleth also that it
be visited augmēted & confirmed
by y^e p^resence of other ch^ristē prin-
ces & nattons, specially Archbys-
shops. Bishops & other Prelates
of Germany (as thē y^e are & haue
ben chiefe auctho^rs o^r makers of
thys Debate,) o^r in they^r lawfull
absence, by they^r wyse, learned &
fully aucthorised deputyes.

It shalbe lawfull also for y^e Sta-
tes of the Ausborowesh cōfession
safe cōduted to come to remayne
& retorne agayn frō this coūcel, &
ther shalbe graūted to thē dew au-
dience. By these meanes shal y^e be-
ginning y^e whole treating of this
general cōcel & cōclusiō be godly

and Chyſtenly (all affections and
parcialite ſet a parte) accoꝝdyng
to the Doctryne of holpe ſcripture
and holy fathers, whereof maye
ſolowe a chyſten refoꝝmation, by
the whych peruerſe doctryne and
abuses maye be rooted out.

As foꝝ the pleatyngeſ of the
Imperſhall chamber oꝝ hall, wyl
the Imperſhall maieſty continent
lye refoꝝme, and that wyth conue
nient Judges, Preſydenes and
Extraoꝝdinarie perſons, that iu
ſtice maye be comly executed, and
ther to be nomoꝝe lackes.

Ther are alſo other cauſes han
deled in thys parliament Imperſ
all, as are of peace, of the Coine
and ſuche lyke, which are come to
ſuche a pointe, as is to be hoped
no man can haue a juſt cauſe to co
playne.

We do hope also that this Imperiall parlamente shalbe shortly ended, whych myght be whan the woꝛthyfull Cardynall and Byschoppe of Trident shalbe returned, who departed hence oute of Ausboꝛowe the syxte daye of Nouember beyng sent to Rome vnto the Byschoppe of Rome, for the continuance of the Counsell of Trident, and to approue or allowe the refozination, how euery man shal be haue hymself, during the tyme of the generall counsell. The whiche came to Rome the eyghtenth day of Nouember, fro whence he hath wrytten: he wylbe shortlye wythe vs agayne, and bryng wyth hym al thynges that haue ben the requestes of y^e Imperiall maiesty, and the States.

Nothe r can I wytholde to cer
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Wise you / hat the maiestye of the
kyng of rome Ferdināus sent y
last yere an embassadour / named
LORD Gerarde Weltwick to Con-
stantinople to the greate Turke /
for to demaunde truce for .v. yere
the whych request the Turke dyd
easely graunt / partly for drede of
the Emperall maiestye / whome
he nameth a vanquisher / & LORD
of Europa / partly because of the
Assaultes of y Soldane or kinge
of Perses / whych combreth hym
wyth warres: but vpon that con-
dicion: yf the Emperall maiesty
wyl hold / consent & agre to the
same truce. The Romane kinges
Embassadoz lord Weltwick hath
agreed to that condityon / & pro-
myssed to busye hymselfe to cause
the Imperiall maiestye consente
to thys truce: doutynge not / but
trustynge

trusting, þ̄ emperal maſteſty wold
not reſuſe it for the tender leue he
oweth to his brother. And vpon þ̄
is þ̄ forſayde lord Weltwick come
hether wyth the Turkes meſſan-
gers, deſyꝝinge to know, whether
the Emperiall maſteſty wyl agree
to this truce of ſyue yeres, oꝛ not:
that theſe forſayde meſſangers of
the Turke, may bꝝinge theꝝ lord
an anſwer. Upō þ̄ whych hath the
Emperiall maſteſtye answered on
this wyſe: Though it becommeth
not our maſteſtye, to make any ap-
poyntmēt wth the enemy of oure
religio, nother hath þ̄ Godly ma-
teſty etier left vs aydeleſſe hether-
to but alway pꝛoſpereth & helpeth
vs to vanquyſh our enemyes: ſo
that noman ther is, whych can a-
uaunce and ſay: I haue ouercome
Charles in battayll. For ſo much
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also as almyghtye God hath en-
dued vs wyth so greate puyssance
ryches, men of warre & captaynes
so that we nede not to be afrayed
of any mā in the world: yet for the
tender loue that we owe to our bro-
ther the king of the romanes, Ho-
gary & Bemes we cōdescēde, alow
& ratifye the truce of fyue yeares
but vpon that cōdicion, ꝑ the Tur-
kysh Emperour do sende vs hys
letters & specificacyō concerning
this peace. Whā the Turkysh
messaungers had receaued thys
coragious answer of the Empe-
rtall maiestye, they are returned
to theyr Lorde, which continently
sente ouer the foresayde letters, in
the whiche he calleth the Empe-
rours maiesty a Lord of the chri-
sten worlde. These letters came
here to Ausborne the. xxi. day of
Aouē-

Remember, whyche I haue both
handeled and sene. These be wyrt
ten wyth grete and vnsemely let
ters, and on the top sygned wyth
the great Turkes armes of gold.
I doubte whether I euer haue se-
ne any suche lyke, they be nother
Chalde nor Hebrue letters, the
Lord Gerard beltwick sayth they
be Arabypck letters.

Ther is also tydynges come
oute of Hungary that a Lord of
the Kynges counsell, called locetz
whych fauoured more the Tur-
kysh partye than hys own lyege
Lordes, nether hearde gladly the
truce made: for his enterpryses in
manye poyntes were hyndered.

This same as he sat vpon a tyme
at hys table, and hys seruantes
about hym, one of them began so-
denly to crye: Come death I haue
me

me awayne. And sodenlye he caste
an horrible syght wyth turnynge
of hys eyes, raygynge and cryng
hugly with a loud voyce: The de-
uyll is in me, and hath possessed
me, nother wyll he leaue wyth me,
but moze of you must daunce this
daunce. The other seruantes wold
haue bounde hym, but he spewed
froime hym, and behaued hym so
woodlye: afterward cast he out as
hys mouth the stomack, bowele,
lyuer, harte, and all hys entrayles
by peces. After that begā an other
of the seruantes to rage and ware
woode, cryenge & howlynge pite-
ously & hugly: I am possessed of þ
deuyll. The same dyd they binde, &
Rosentz sent cōtinētly for his par-
son to confute the euyl spyt. But
befoze the priest came, þ thyrde ser-
uaūt begā to rage also, which was
bounde

boūde as the other. With þ̄ begā
Lozentz to be greatly afrayed: &
though the priest prayed moche o-
uer hym, yet begā he to rage lyke
the other & crye. so þ̄ he also was
cōstrayned to be boūd. And lay of
this wyse in his house w̄ his two
seruaūtes (for the fyrst dyed) xliii.
dayes befoze. In the meane whyle
he swaged the woodnest, & he was
lowfed of his bādes: but hys cō-
tenaūte is yet so horrible & drede-
ful, þ̄ nomā dare appzoche hym.

Whā the foresayde truces were
in hāde / a shyp was spoyled vpo
our bozders & soncked which pas-
sed in valure. xx. M. gold gyldē /
and al they that were in her were
drowned: but the dede doers are
yet vnknowē whether thei be chri-
stē or Turkes that tope vpo the
bozders. Cattiās brother in lawe
hath

hath slayne two hundreth Turkes
that passed the borders, and inua
ded oure men, wherwyth he hath
apeaced & styllled the other. The
se tydynges came here to Ausbo
rowe the .xix. Daye of Nouember,
but ther was no credence geuen
to them, vntyl ther came moze su
rer certificatiō from the Kynges
Maiestye and other Lordes.

The .xxvi. Daye of Nouember
last past came hether thze wedo
wes, namelye my lady Mary que
ne of Hungary and Regente, the
Duchesse of Lozen, and the ladye
Princesse of Orenge of Brabant:
whome met the Kynges grace of
Rome, the Archduke of Austriche
hys sonne, and the electours, na
melye of Colens Saxonye and
Braundebozowe, besyde a greate
nombze of Bishops, Dukes, and
Lordes

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Lords, so that they entred at Aus-
boꝝow syxe hundred on horsebak

They of Ausboꝝow also haue
made peace wyth theyꝝ Lorde the
Bysshop, whereof the condicions
be, that foꝝ the foꝝce, spoyling and
injuries they haue done him, shal
in recompence therof geue him fy-
ne & nynty thousande golde gyl-
dens and foꝝ the spiritual rentes
that they haue receaued thyrtye
thousande golde gyldens.

There is here such a nombꝛe of
Lords and Princes / as neuer
hath ben sene in any parlamente
imperiall.

The moost woꝝthypfull in god
father and Lord Adolphe arche-
bysshoppe of Colen & hath yester-
daye whych was Saynte Nico-
las euen receaued of the Imperi-
all maiestye hys dignite.

Woche

Muche were to be wyrtten of
the takynge of the Duke of Saxe-
ony elector was, and the Landt-
graue, but the Shortnesse of thys
letter, and also the tyme wyl not
admytte it. Yet can not I wyth-
olde you that Landtgraues wyfe
with her chyldren, haue delyuered
a great byll or supplication to the
States of the Emprye, wherein
they signified, that those articles
whych were delyuered at the yel-
dying of the Landtgraue, were ful-
fylled, expyred and accompyshed:
requyred al the States of the Em-
prye to make sute for the Landt-
graue to the Emperall maiestye
the myght be delyuered. Some
of the Princes gaue consent ther-
to, but some toke deliberation bp-
pon it. In the meane whyle as
thys was in hande: was the Em-
periall

periall Maiestye aduertysed of
thys. And whan the Princes we-
re nowe consultynge and takynge
theyr aduyle, Dyd the Imperiall
maiestye sende them a farre other
certyfycation of the matter, than
that of the Landtgraue ipecyfyeing
the causes why it were not expe-
diente, nether for the commune
peace, nor the contry, that he shul-
de be released and set at liberte.

It declared also playnly, that the
articles of the Landtgraue sub-
myssion or yeldyng, were not pro-
posed anyghte nor lawfullye: yea
were not executed nother of the
Landtgraue. The Emperoures
maiestye also answered so euident-
ly, and wpth so manifest demon-
stratyns to these thynges that
were proposed the Princes by the
Landtgraue, that they all ceased
of making

makynge sute for hym, but were
of a contrarye mynde. Wherfore
he was remoued from Donwerte,
to Rozlinges, wyth duple warde
whych thynge doth greatly greue
and displease hym, complaynyng
bewayling and lametyng to be so
remoued from place to place.

Duke noyritz of Saxony elec-
tor is departed from hence nowe
of late, of whome the fame goeth,
that he is gone to take vp men of
warre in the name of the Empe-
rours maiestye, the truth wherof,
I cannot wyte for a certaynte.
Thys is of a truth, that here are
many doughty captaynes, & that
moche artillery is sent towarde &
costes for Swittherland. They of
Berne are afrayed, and haue ofte
sent to the Duke of Sauoye, re-
quyrynge to haue peace with him
What

What ende these matters shal ha
ue, can I not shew at this tyme.

I trust your gentlynesse wyl
take thys wytynge in worth, as
I shall come by you, (the which I
trust shalbe shortly) I shall shew
you moze newes by mouth

Fare well

Wryten from August the syxt
daye of December. The
yeare of oure Lorde.

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